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Dates for your diary

Gold Award Ceremonies for 2010

20 May 2010 – First ceremony

26 November 2010 – Second ceremony

1 August 2010 – Your Gold record book to be received by the State Office

There will be two Gold Award Ceremonies held at Government House this year thanks to the Award program's patron - His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR Governor of South Australia. The first Gold Award Ceremony will be held on Thursday 20 May 2010. The tentative date for the second ceremony is Friday 26 November 2010.

Invites for the Gold Award ceremonies are sent by Government House. You will be contacted by the State Award Office, Office for Youth three months prior to the ceremony date. To be eligible for the ceremony in November, please have your completed Gold Award books to the State Award Office, Office for Youth by 1 August 2010. Any Gold Award completions from 1 March 2010 to 1 August will be presented at the November ceremony.

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What's happening

Inspirational Story

"During my job interview to work with the United States Military, I showed my Duke of Edinburgh's Award to a military officer and told him: "I am the first Muslim to receive this

(Gold) Award in South Australia". Many soldiers looked at it and said 'Wow! Receiving the Award was one of the reasons that motivated me to work internationally and beyond my limits.

In the past recent years, I have worked with US Military in the rehabilitation programs for the detainees in Iraq. I have also worked in two water projects to facilitate clean water in the most vulnerable places in the South of Iraq.

The Award helped me by not only listing it in my job application but more so in realising my skills and where I can use these skills internationally. The Award gave me happiness and made me realise that I have accomplished a beginning step in my life. I strongly encourage young people to exert their talents, and distinguish themselves, and be part of an International Award".



Khadraa Glen, a Gold Award Holder

New Fee Structure

As of 1 February 2010, the Duke of Ed in SA has a new fee structure. There is now a once-off registration fee that covers participants for all three levels of the Award. There are now no additional fees for a participant to continue to the next level of the Award. We encourage all participants to take advantage of this new fee structure.

If you have registered with the Award previously, and have not yet reached your 25th birthday, why not give another level of the Award a go! Set yourself a new personal challenge and achieve! Just fill in [the continuation form](#) and send it to us!

Gold Award SACE Accreditation

As of 1 January 2010, the SACE Board of SA will recognise the Gold Award for 20 credits towards your SACE Stage 2! On completion of your Gold Award you will receive a SACE certificate from the State Award Office which needs to be sent in to the SACE Board of SA for accreditation.

Education Expo 20-21 March 2010

Visit The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Stand at the Education Expo on Saturday 20 March and Sunday 21 March at the Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showground. Find us at Booth D08.

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Exciting projects

Crows Foundation Adventurous Journey

Thanks to the funding received from [the Crows Foundation](#), a two-day Duke of Ed camp was organised for a group of young people who are new arrivals from northern Africa. The camp was held on 16-17 January at the scenic Toc-H camp in Victor Harbor. The group enjoyed various recreational activities, including kayaking and mountain bike riding. They also got to meet Crows defender, Andy Otten and be inspired by what this young person has achieved in his promising football career.



The camp will qualify towards the Adventurous Journey component of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award with the aim to assist these young people develop vital life skills – such as leadership, team work, resilience, self-esteem and many others.

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Our networks

Surf Life Saving Club

The Duke of Ed has partnered with several Surf Life Saving Clubs of South Australia to encourage more young people to reach their full potential.

Lucky and Ramla, enthusiastic Gold Award participants, set a trend for more young people from diverse backgrounds to join the Duke of Ed and the Surf Life Saving Clubs! Well done girls!



[Click here](#) to read more on the Surf Life Saving Club's activities in South Australia.

Toc H

Toc H engages Duke of Ed participants in a number of community service activities. All community service activities are planned and coordinated by Toc H and are suitable to help you progress through your service component of the Duke of Ed Award level.

[Click here](#) to read more on Toc H.

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Gold Award Holders Association

The Gold Award Holders' Association has been formed in July 2009 with the aim to offer all Gold Award Holders an opportunity to continue making the most of their Award. All Gold Award Holders living in South Australia are welcomed to join the Association. The membership is free and offers you a number of opportunities to reconnect with the Award.

Volunteering Opportunity

We are currently looking for volunteers who are interested in helping us make the most of our presence at the Education Expo on Saturday 20 March and Sunday 21 March. Please contact Oksana for more information on 08 8204 8491 or email oksana.d@dukeofed.org.au.

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General information

Equipment Gear for Hiring

All outdoor equipment at the Duke of Ed's Magill store was updated mid last year and is available for hire for general public. Duke of Ed participants receive up to half price discount on all the equipment. If you are interested in hiring equipment or if you are interested in organising a low cost trip with qualified and experienced expedition leaders, please contact Equipment Officer, Michael McMillan on 0427 271 925.

SA Resources

[Click Here](#) to check out this newly created Resource page for South Australia.

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National Award news

The 10th International Award forum took place in Sydney in October 2009. These forums occur every three years and are an opportunity for the 126 countries who participate in the Award to come together. Three youth delegates from South Australia joined 18 of their counterparts from around the world to help make the Forum a success.

As part of this prestigious event, HRH Prince Edward, who is the international head of the Award, conducted a Gold Award Presentation Ceremony with the Governor General at Admiralty House in Sydney. Three representatives from South Australia - Samantha Papavasilou, Ben Van Der Vlag and Victoria Cox, had their Awards presented at the ceremony.

[Click here](#) to read more about the International Forum.

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Around the world

Youth Engaging Society

Did you know that across 27 Asia Pacific countries, over 300,000 young Award participants are engaging with their communities and developing as active citizens who give back and make a genuine difference to society. YES : Youth Engaging Society is a snapshot of stories sourced from across the Award world in Asia Pacific to showcase how young people are meeting real challenges and making an impact for the betterment of society.

[Click Here](#) to access this new Duke of Edinburgh's Award Asia Pacific regional youth engagement publication *YES: Youth Engaging Society*.

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